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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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Dear FDA:

I am writing this letter because I believe humane treatment of farm animals should be a priority of your organization. My specific request this time is to ban the withholding of food from egg laying hens in order to force molting. This is an inhumane practice, and furthermore it increases the occurrence of Salmonella enteritidis, a food-borne pathgen causing widespread human illness.

As a consumer of eggs I choose to purchase organic products from happy hens. It is possible to be profitable and humane, as farmers who offer these types of eggs prove. Please encourage humane methods by banning forced molting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



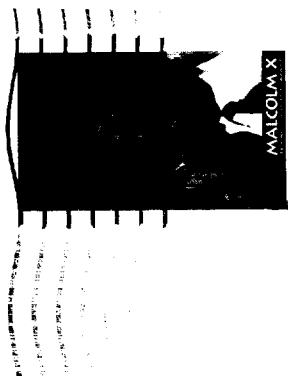
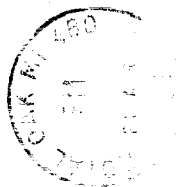
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